

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [039] on page 14 with the following amended paragraph:

[039] The distal portion 520 has a groove 521 configured to accommodate multiple loops of the member 14, and a channel 522 configured to accommodate at least a portion of an assembly 15. Channel 522 may have, for example, an internal surface that has a size and/or shape similar to an external surface of assembly 15. The groove 521 is substantially similar to the groove 221 in Fig. 3. The central portion 530 has a groove 531 substantially similar to the groove 231 in Fig. 3. The channel 522 on the distal portion 520 corresponds substantially to the circumferential location of the notch 512 on the proximal portion 510, and is set radially inward from the outer edge of the distal portion 520. Channel 522 extends partially through portion 520 or may extend through the entire width of the distal portion 520.

Please replace paragraph [049] on page 19 with the following amended paragraph:

[049] In embodiments that use an endoscopic instrument having an elongate member and an end effector assembly, which may include an end effector assembly accommodation device, in an endoscopic medical procedure, the elongate endoscopic instrument can be advanced down the working channel of an endoscope, through the working channel cap that has a seal specifically designed for use with the elongate endoscopic instrument, and into a tissue tract. When adjacent to the tissue sites, the

end effector assembly of the elongate endoscopic instrument can be actuated, for example, taking and storing one or multiple biopsy samples using a biopsy forceps device, and then be extracted from the tissue tract through the working channel of the endoscope.